

## PATENT APPLICATION



In re Application of:

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P. O. Box 1450  
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are not enclosed as they are U.S. patents.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, the Examiner is respectfully directed to the attached abstracts and the cited U.S. counterpart of

one Japanese document; for the Japanese document for which neither abstract nor counterpart is provided, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the present specification.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialled and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

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